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1	STATE OF MICHIGAN
2	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB
3	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
4	- vs - Case No. 87-0925-FC
5	MARK CLEARY,
6	Defendant.
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8	PROCEEDINGS
9	BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES M. BIERNAT (P - 10793) JUDGE
10	MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2004
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Mount Clemens, Michigan 1 Wednesday, December 14, 2004 2 3 At about 9:40 a.m. 4 THE COURT: Calling the case of the People 5 of the State of Michigan versus Mark Cleary. Counsel, please 6 place your respective appearance on the record. You may 7 remain seated at the counsel table. 8 MR. RABAUT: Stephen Rabaut appearing on 9 behalf of Mr. Mark Cleary. Judge, Mr. Cleary is incarcerated 10 with the Michigan Department of Corrections. He is not 11 writted here but I would waive his appearance for today's 12 proceeding. 13 THE COURT: Very well. The Court finds it 14 unnecessary, does not consider this to be a critical step 15 It may be an important but his presence is not 16 critical to these proceedings and, therefore, the waiver is 17 accepted. We will proceed without him. 18 MR. GOODMAN: For the record, your Honor. 19 Richard Goodman, assistant prosecuting attorney, appearing on 20 behalf of the People. 21 22 THE COURT: Okav. 23 This is the date and time set for the Court's decision on defendant's -- rather, the defense's 24 motion to modify and obtain relief from judgment pursuant to 25

MCR 6.500 et seq. This case is the case of the People of the State of Michigan versus Mark Normam Cleary. Case No. 87-0925-FC.

The defendant brings this motion for relief following his conviction on CSC first degree in violation of MCL 750.520 subsection (b)(1)(a) following a jury trial. The defendant was sentenced on March 15, 1989 to 240 months to 360 months. A claim of appeal was filed as of right from the sentence of 3/15/1989 on court of appeals Docket No. 118402. The appeal was denied and sentence was affirmed in a published opinion dated November 4, 1993. Application for leave was filed in the Michigan Supreme Court under Docket No. 98212. That also was denied.

The defense has set forth a number of grounds for relief from judgment or, in support of the relief, requested amongst which are, as this Court perceives them to be, ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel, newly discovered evidence in the form of the deposition testimony from the sole complainant recanting her statement or testimony at trial, abuse of a trial court's discretion in an improper exclusion of possible verdict when instructing the jury, and improper remarks made by the prosecution during argument.

The issue of ineffective assistance of counsel was raised on appeal both in Michigan Court of Appeals

and the Michigan Supreme Court. The request at this time is for a Ginther hearing, but grant motion to modify and obtain relief from judgment pursuant to MCR 6.50.

The Court will first address the defendant's argument that pursuant to MCR 6.508 (d)(3)(a) good cause exist to grant defendant's motion for relief from judgment due to ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel. MCR 6.500 establishes the procedure for post-appeal proceeding challenging a criminal conviction. MCR 6.508 entitled Procedure applies in the instant case subsection D; that is, Entitlement to Relief, requires that the defendant, Mark Cleary, demonstrate the following:

The defendant has the burden of establishing entitlement to the relief requested. The Court may not grant such relief to the defendant if the motion:

(1) Seeks relief from the judgment of conviction and sentence that is still subject to challenge on appeal pursuant to subchapter 7.000, or subchapter 7.300. That is not the case in this instance.

Secondly, that it alleges grounds for relief which were decided against the defendant in a prior appeal or proceeding under this subchapter unless the defendant establishes that a retroactive change in the law has undermined the prior decision.

(3) Alleges grounds for relief other than

jurisdictional defects which could have been raised on appeal from the conviction and sentence which a prior motion under this subsection unless the defendant demonstrates (a) good cause for failure to raise such grounds on appeal or in a prior motion and (b) actual prejudice from the alleged irregularities that support the claim for relief as used in this sub rule. Actual prejudice means under sub (i) in a conviction following a trial but for the alleged error the defendant would have had a reasonable -- reasonably or reasonable likely chance of acquittal.

In any case, in (3), subsection 3 thereof, reads as follows: In any case, the irregularity was so offensive to the maintenance of a sound judicial process that the conviction should not be allowed to stand regardless of its effect on the outcome of the case.

The Court may, of course, waive the good cause requirement under sub rule D (3)(a) if it concludes that there are significant possibilities that the defendant is innocent of the crime. I'm sorry. The defendant argues that good cause -- that pursuant to MCR 6.508 (d)(3)(a) good cause exist to grant defendant Mark Clearly's motion for relief from judgment due to ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel, newly discovered evidence in the form of a deposition testimony from the sole client recanting her testimony, abuse of a trial court judge's discretion in improper exclusion of

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possible verdict when instructing the jury, and improper remarks made by the prosecutor during argument.

The Court, first of all, will deal with the issue of ineffective -- the claim of ineffective assistance of appellate and trial counsel. And at the outset, the Court finds that the defendant has not shown good cause for his procedural default nor actual prejudice which would warrant a grant of relief from judgment based on ineffective assistance of appellate and trial counsel.

The defendant herein has filed this motion under MCR 6.508(d). And in order to prevail on a motion for relief from judgment, the defendant has the burden to establish that he is entitle to such relief. The Court cannot grant relief to the defendant pursuant to this section under the following circumstances: If the defendant alleges grounds for relief which were decided against the defendant in a prior appeal or proceeding under this subchapter, unless the defendant establishes that a retroactive change in the law has undermined the prior decision, or (3) alleges grounds for relief other than jurisdictional defects which could have been raised on appeal from the conviction and sentence or in a prior motion under this subchapter unless the defendant demonstrates (a) reads as follows: Good cause for failure to raise such grounds on appeal or in the prior motion.

In order to be entitle to relief on a

nonjurisdictional issue, the defendant must establish good cause and actual prejudice from the irregularity. The defendant herein alleges that he can establish good cause due to the alleged ineffective assistance of appellate counsel in his first appeal. Cause for excusing procedural default is established by proving ineffective assistance of appellate counsel pursuant to the standards set forth in Strickland versus Washington. As by showing that some external factor prevented counsel from previously raising the issue.

The Michigan standard for ineffective assistance of counsel is the same as the federal standard. For a defendant to establish a claim that he was denied his state or federal constitutional right to effective assistance of counsel, he must show his attorney's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness and that this was so prejudicial to him that it denied him a fair trial.

appellate court have ruled that an appellate attorney need not advance every arguably meritorious issue on appeal, nor must counsel raise every non-frivolous issue requested by the defendant. The federal courts of appeal have consistently held that the appellate courts are not to second guess the professional judgment of appellate coursel as to the issues raised on appeal even as to nonfrivolous issues.

The defendant in this matter has alleged

that his appellate counsel should have raised the issue of ineffective assistance of trial counsel for trial counsel's failure to object to the trial court's corrective instruction at the close of trial and his waiver of any corrections to the jury instruction.

The defendant alleges that the corrective jury instruction took from the jury the right to decide the elements of the case. In the present case, the Court's corrective -- in this court's view, the trial court's corrective instruction to the jury did not constitute a finding of fact by the trial court in regard to the issue of penetration, which effectively extinguished any factual controversy.

It should be noted that in her opening statement, the prosecutor stated to the jury that the defendant placed his penis into the victim's mouth as well as her vagina and place his mouth on her vaginal area. The victim testified that the defendant placed his penis in her mouth. In the closing argument, the prosecutor also argued that the victim testified that the defendant placed his potty, that is his penis, inside her mouth and she didn't like it.

During the instructions to the jury the Court stated that the prosecutor's theory of the case was sexual penetration by inserting his penis into her vagina or anus and by placing his mouth and lips on her vagina. There

was no mention of the act of him placing his penis in the victim's mouth in spite of the victim's testimony to the contrary.

Upon completion of the instructions, a side bar was held and the Court then gave a corrective instruction as to the prosecution's theory of the case. The defendant objected to only one line of that instruction and that being the words "... and it is also the People's theory that and there is evidence to the fact that the defendant, Mark Cleary, inserted his penis into Rachel's mouth."

That statement by the Court merely corrected the Court's admission of one of the sexual acts on which the prosecution's theory was based. The Court correctly pointed out that there was some evidence as to the commission of that act and again defined what constitutes penetration, which the prosecutor must prove beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Court finds that the corrective instruction was not misleading. The instruction did not direct the jury to find the fact of fellatio but merely pointed out that there was some evidence as to that act. There was no imperative language in this instruction. The instruction was proper and not prejudicial. The jury could have concluded that there was no fellatio if the victim's testimony was not credible. Moreover, the appellate counsel could have properly concluded that this issue was not a viable

issue.

She did raise the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel and a Ginther hearing was held on several of the alleged omissions. Moreover, appellate counsel is barred from raising the corrective jury instruction issue directly since counsel, by expression to the Court that there were no corrections, waived the issue for appellate review. Therefore, the defendant has failed to establish ineffective assistance of appellate and trial counsel by failing to overcome the strong presumption that counsel's actions constituted sound trial strategy, nor has he established sufficient prejudice on this issue.

The defense goes on to contend that appellate counsel provided ineffective assistance of counsel by failing to raise the issue of trial court or counsel's failure to object to the prosecutor's closing arguments. The defendant alleges that the prosecutor's statements calling the defendant a liar and commenting that the victim's storied had been inconsistent, shifts the burden of proof. It is, first of all, noted that whether an instance of prosecutorial misconduct exist is a question of whether or not the defendant was denied a fair trial.

Appellate review of prosecutorial remarks is generally precluded absent an objection because the trial court was deprived of an opportunity to cure the error. Here,

there was no objection. Without an objection, an appellate court will only read first if a curative instruction could have eliminated the prejudicial effect of the remarks, or when failure to review would result in a miscarriage of justice.

The fact the prosecutor called the defendant a liar where the defendant has testified is not in itself improper argument. The prosecutor may call the defendant or the witnesses liars. The prosecutor is at that point arguing the credibility of the witnesses. She may argue the witness is not worthy of belief where their testimony conflicts or arguably is incredible. The prosecutor is merely arguing that the defendant is not worthy of belief.

There was no error in this court's view and there was no prejudice. The Court cured any alleged error by giving cautionary instructions that the lawyers' arguments were not evidence. In light of those instructions, it cannot be said that the jury did not know that the burden of proof was solely on the prosecution. The prosecution in this case did not suggest that she had any personal knowledge of the facts, nor of the fact of facts not brought before the jury. The use of the term "we know" or "I know" in discussing evidence is not an expression of personal belief.

The Court finds the defendant was not denied a fair trial based upon the prosecutor's statement during the closing argument and counsel does not have to make

meritless objections or arguments. Moreover, the Court finds that the defendant is not entitled to a Ginther hearing since there are no factual issues to be resolved. Defendant has already had a Ginther hearing and to hold another Ginther hearing 14 years later poses an undue burden on the witnesses to be called. The Court agrees with the prosecution's position or argument that balancing the burden of conducting a hearing against the likelihood of the success of the defendant's claim, a Ginther hearing is unwarranted. The Court now moves on to the issue of

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the newly discovered evidence. The defendant has argues a motion for a new trial based upon the recantation testimony of the victim in this case. A motion for a new trial based upon newly discovered evidence may be granted upon the showing that:

(1) The evidence itself, not merely it's materiality, is newly discovered; (2) the evidence is not merely cumulative; (3) the evidence is such as to render a different result probable on retrial; and (4) the defendant could not with reasonable diligence have produced it at trial.

First, the new evidence is in the form of a deposition of the complaining witness recanting her statements, her trial statements. The Court finds that this is newly discovered evidence. Approximately eight years following the trial, the complainant in a deposition recanted

her trial testimony. The deposition testimony was furnished both to the prosecution and to the Court as a part of the motion. The Court has reviewed this testimony taken August 27, 1997, wherein the complaining witness unequivocally recants her trial testimony regarding sexual assault.

The Court will not quote sections of this testimony at length since it is a part of the attachment to the pleadings, but there can be no doubt that it is directly contrary to the testimony given at trial. I will just read a portion thereof:

"Q: Do you recall during the trial of Mark Cleary, do you recall testifying that Mark touched you in the wrong way while you were living with your mother?

"A: Yes.

"Q: Was it true?

"A: No.

"Q: Why did you say that?

"A: We were at my mom's friend's house and my mom's friend had a son. We were in the garage and there were a bunch of dirty magazines there that I guess belonged to his father. We were looking at them and then we went to the back room. We didn't really do nothing. We just kind of fooled around. My sister came in and seen us and told her mom. My mom and her friend came in and took us out front and put Brian, her son, in front of the TV so that he could

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watch TV. They took me into the dining room and started hitting me with a paddle. They kept asking me you know why I did this. And I was telling them, you know, why that we seen the magazines, and they just kept hitting me with the paddle. And then I said my daddy did it and that's all I said. called my grandfather and everything came from that."

The deposition goes on with great specificity as to the recanting of the trial testimony and the reasons for the recantation. As I said, the deposition testimony of the complainant directly contradicts her trial testimony. Moreover, the Court had the opportunity to view the defendant testify at an evidentiary hearing held in this court on July 29, '04, during which she gave testimony which was consistent with her recantation in that meaning consistent with her deposition testimony referred to above. Moreover, during the testimony, she explained the reason for giving the deposition testimony.

The Court it turns now to the nature of the complainant's testimony at her deposition and hearing This testimony is not cumulative. The Court testimony. having gone through the trial transcript, which is rather lengthy, has determined that in actuality the complainant was the sole complaining witness in this case. For all practical purposes, after having reviewed the trial testimony, the Court was struck by the fact that there was no conclusive physical

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evidence of sexual abuse. The examining doctor, Charles Barron, chief of pediatrics at Ford Hospital Northeast, testified that there were no specific findings correlated with penetration present on exam of the victim. Moreover, the doctor testified that during the examination of the victim's vaginal area, he did not find any scars or tears or anything like that.

Further, he testified there was no proof of penetration to the child's vaginal area. And finally, the doctor testified that the examination of the victim could be a normal finding without sexual abuse. Because in this case the complainant's testimony provided the basis for the conviction, and the victim now has recanted such statements, this coupled with the fact that there is no conclusive physical evidence of abuse, establishes that the newly discovered evidence is not merely cumulative.

The Court further considered whether the evidence is such to render a different result probable on retrial. The Court notes that the complainant was the sole complaining witness in this case and there was a lack of conclusive physical evidence of sexual abuse. The Court is also troubled by several other aspects of this case. At the time these allegation were -- these criminal allegations surfaced, the complainant's parents were going through a bitter custody battle. Based on examination of the trial

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transcript, it appears to this court that there existed a hostile motive by the victim's mother directed at the defendant as well as the victim's hostile motive in blaming someone else to avoid getting into trouble.

abuse, the defendant and the complainant's mother were entrenched in a long custody battle, during which time Susan Swhwarz denied the request by the defendant, Mark Cleary, for visitation during the custody battle. Further, the mother made allegations that the defendant would kidnap the children if he was allowed visitation. That allegation was considered and rejected by Referee James Connelly, who testified -- that's Macomb County Friend of the Court Referee James Connelly -- who testified at the trial that he believed that the kidnap threat was groundless and seemed to have -- "seemed to have no basis in fact."

The complainant testified at the time that she made the allegation of sexual abuse by Mark Cleary, she was being spanked with a wooden paddle and screamed at by her mother. The complainant expressed, clearly expressed a hostile motive in avoiding trouble by blaming the defendant. As noted earlier, the complainant stated she was playing with her friend Brandon under the bed and when asked what she and Brandon were doing under the bed, the complainant testified that she told her mother we were fooling around under the bed.

The complainant testified that her mother got upset and took a wooden paddle and whipped her.

The complainant further testified that her mother was screaming at her and that her mother kept screaming at her and that she couldn't tell her anything. In response, the complainant testified that she told her mother that her father had did this. As a result, the complainant testified that her mother stopped hitting her at that moment and sat down and appeared ready to cry.

The Court also makes note of the fact that the complainant in this case testified in a deposition, that is, a statement made under oath, as well as having given sworn testimony to this court in open court under oath, not only without benefit of immunity but with the possibility of criminal charges being brought.

In the instant case, the deposition testimony and the hearing testimony, during that testimony the victim refutes her prior testimony at trial, and as noted there appears to be no physical evidence corroborating the victim's testimony at trial. The Court should say unequivocal evidence corroborating the victim's testimony at trial because the Court believe that there was some testimony from which inferences, contrary inferences might be drawn.

In this case, then, the sole witness to the allegation has recanted her testimony via deposition and

as a result lends further support to the possibility that there would have been a different result at trial had she testified at trial as she does now. The Court is further troubled by several aspects of this case.

Although the Court's concerns were not necessarily controlling in its decision, the Court wishes to address those concerns just briefly. The Court is troubled by the conducting of mock trials with the complaining witness before the trial of this case. Those mock trials apparently were conducted by the mother and a step -- I believe her stepfather at that time as well as the interviewing techniques which were employed in this case which appear to run contrary to accepted forensic interviewing protocol. These concerns support the -- well, let me move on.

It appears that the accepted protocol may not have been followed during the investigative stage. And, again, I won't get deeply into those concerns, but the length of the interviews, the fact that the interviewer had an ongoing therapeutic relationship with the complainant appears to be have been contrary to the forensic protocol. Moreover, it appears that the complainant's mother was playing court with the complainant despite the detective's in charge of this case directives not to do so. Moreover, the Court was concerned regarding the animosity shown by the complainant's mother and one Donna Simon against Mark Cleary in front of the

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The Court agrees that the existence of this newly discovered evidence in the form of deposition testimony as well as hearing testimony given by the complainant denying that the crime ever took place is compelling under the circumstances especially considering that she is subject to be being charged with the crime of perjury. Moreover, as the Court noted, this original charge was brought against the backdrop of a bitter custody dispute with charges having been brought regarding kidnapping by the victim's mother against the defendant.

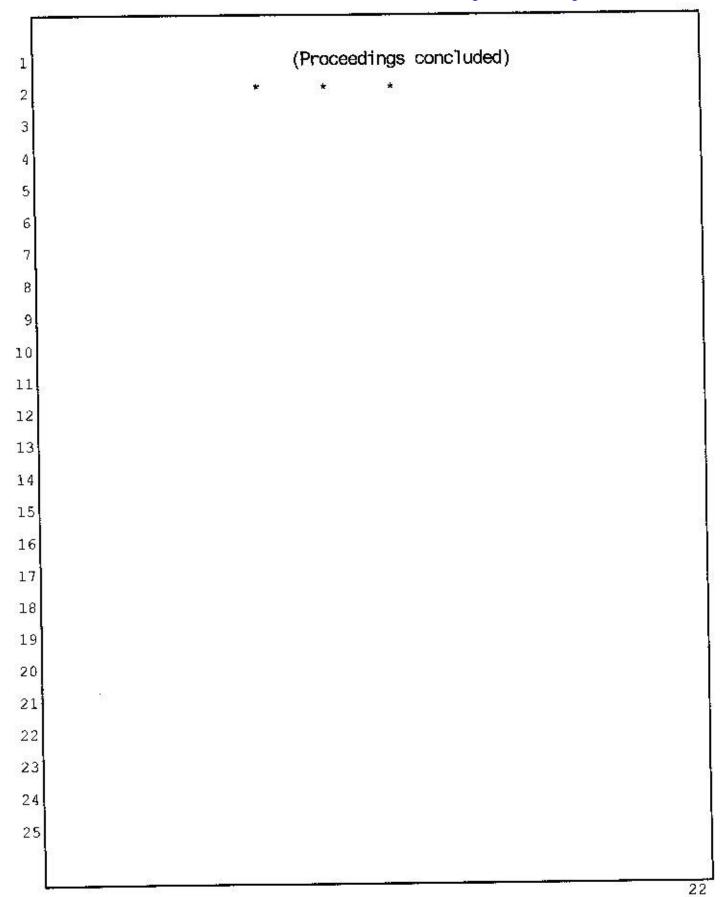
Importantly, no conclusive physical evidence of sexual assault was introduced and there does appear to have been some inappropriately suggestive interviewing techniques that increased the possibility or likelihood of implanting false allegations into a child's memory.

Taking all of these things together, the Court concludes that the defendant would have a reasonable likelihood of acquittal. Under these circumstances, the Court has no alternative but to grant the motion for a new trial. Please prepare an order to that effect.

MR. RABAUT: Thank you, your Honor. Can I address the Court on another issue?

THE COURT: Yes,

MR. RABAUT: Mr. Clearly, as I indicated 1 to the Court, is in the Michigan Department of Corrections. 2 I'm wondering if the court would do one of the two following 3 things: Either consider a bond motion right now, or in the 4 alternative, have Mr. Cleary writted here within the next 5 seven days and allow me to argue a bond motion at that time? 6 THE COURT: I will abide by the second, 7 the latter suggestion. We'll writ Mr. Cleary here. However, 8 it may -- Mr. Goodman, it may take more than seven days? 9 MR. GOODMAN: Probably. At least seven. 10 MR. RABAUT: Could we set it within seven, 11 Judge, and see if it can be expedited due to the findings from 12 the Court? 13 THE COURT: Unfortunately, I will not be 14 here. It has to be the first week of January. 15 MR. GOODMAN: One moment, your Honor. 16 (Brief pause) 17 MR. GOODMAN: May we approach, Judge? 18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 (At about 10:18 a.m., bench conference 20 held) 21 (Back on the record) 22 THE COURT: We'll address this matter 23 later on today and we'll move on to other matters right now. 24 Thank you, Judge. MR. RABAUT: 25



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